

Remarks/Arguments

The Rejection of Claims 1 through 30 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by BountyQuest. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

Anticipation requires that all of the elements of the claim be taught within the four corners of a single reference.

A. Claims 1 through 10.

BountyQuest does not teach removing information related to publication of substantive information.

BountyQuest does not teach the amended Claim 1 element of: “sanitizing said substantive information *to remove information related to publication of said substantive information.*” The original Claim 5 (now cancelled) recited: “...said sanitizing comprises removal of information related to publication of said substantive information.” The foregoing element of original Claim 5 is recited in amended Claim 1. Regarding Claim 5, the Examiner cited page 17 of BountyQuest and stated: “When BountyQuest receives information, it filters the data and keeps bounty hunters anonymous.” The Examiner makes no reference to removal of information related to publication of substantive information and provides no evidence that BountyQuest removes such information. The first full paragraph on page 17 states: “You will remain anonymous by default...” BountyQuest is silent regarding the removal of information related to publication of substantive information. Assuming *arguendo* that BountyQuest filters data, such filtering is clearly restricted to only removing a Bounty Hunter’s name. Keeping a Bounty Hunter anonymous and removing information related to publication of substantive information are unrelated and completely different. BountyQuest does not remove information related to publication of substantive information. Nor does BountyQuest suggest or motivate removing information related to publication of substantive information.

BountyQuest does not teach all the elements of Claim 1. Therefore, BountyQuest does not anticipate Claim 1, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 1 be

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removed. Claims 2-4 and 6-10 depend from Claim 1 and also are patentable over the prior art reference.

B. Claims 11-30.

The Examiner stated that Claims 11-30 recite substantially similar limitations to Claims 1-10 and are therefore rejected on the same basis as Claims 1-10.

Independent Claim 21 has been amended to recite the element: "...to remove information related to publication of said substantive information." Independent Claims 11 and 26 have been amended to recite the element: "...to remove information related to publication of said published information." Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the arguments regarding Claim 1 are applicable to Claims 11, 21, and 26 and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 11, 21, and 26 be removed. Claims 12-14 and 16-20; Claims 22-25; and Claims 27-30 depend from Claims 11, 21, and 26, respectively and also are patentable over the prior art reference.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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